

Remarks

Claims 1-27 and 38-64 are allowed.

Claims 65-73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Walker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,794,207) in view of Taylor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,642).

Claims 75-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Walker et al. in view of Taylor et al. and Coyle (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,157).

Claim 65 is amended herein.

Claims 1-27, 38-73 and 75-77 remain pending.

The Applicant appreciates the telephonic interview with the Examiner conducted on October 14, 2003 regarding the Office Action of June 10, 2003.

In response to the Examiner's concerns, Applicant has amended claim 65 herein to overcome the references cited in the June 10, 2003 Office Action. As defined in the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (10th Ed.), an offer is "a presenting of something for acceptance." Thus, an offer and an acceptance are two separate and distinct acts within the meaning of contract law. A copy of the definition from the dictionary is attached hereto.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance in light of the above remarks and Applicant's submissions. Such action is requested.

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